

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 18, without prejudice.

REMARKS

The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to clarify the translation of the application. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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